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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: De Ferra et al.

Serial No. 09/982,468

: Art Unit: 1626

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: Examiner: MURRAY, Joseph H.

For: Purifying Process for Phosphatidylserine

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-referenced application in response to the January 28, 2002, Non-final Office Action as indicated below. Accompanying this Amendment is a petition & fee for a one-month extension of time. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 Please amend claims 1 and 6-8, and add new claim 16, as follows:

Amend claims 1 and 6-8 to read as follows:

1. (AMENDED) Purifying process for phosphatidylserine having formula (I)

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 $\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{CH_2OR_1} \\ | \\ \operatorname{CHOR_2} \\ | \\ \operatorname{CH_2O--P(=O)---OCH_2----CH(NH_2)---COOH} \\ | \\ X \end{array}$

where R_1 and R_2 , identical or different, are a C_{10} - C_{30} acyl group; X is OH or OM, where M is chosen from the group of alkali metals, alkaline-earth metals, ammonium and alkyl ammonium,

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